HYBRIDIZING (Cont'd)

(3) Also, observe closely the stigma pads on your desirable seed cultivars. When these globe shaped pads are bright in color, large, appear plump, excessively hairy, juicy, and sticky, rather than dull, small, hard, slick, or dry, they will be most receptive to your viable pollen plants.

(4) Remember, use your pollen as soon as it is available even if you have to unfold the petals on the egg parent plant. High humidity, cloudy days, even rainy days are most desirable for cross pollenation. Try to keep the pollen dry. If rain is likely try pulling down the petals over the stamen and pollenized stigma pads like a protective cloak and securing with a rubber band. (Page 25 please)

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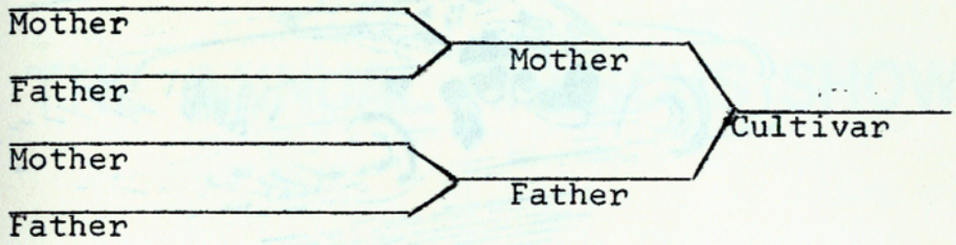
Cultivar _____
Hybridizer _____
Date Planted _____
Date Pollenized _____
Date Pod Picked _____



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